GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:245
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Custodial Deaths
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether custodial deaths in different jails in the country have increased in the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the jails in the country are overcrowded;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total number of new jails likely to be created by the Government during the year 2017-18?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)
(a) & (b) National Crime Records Bureau has collected data from Prison Departments of State/UTs. State/UT-wise total deaths of inmates, natural deaths and unnatural deaths in jails during 2013-2015 is enclosed as Annexure-I. The data does not show any clear trend.
(c) & (d) As per data received from States/UTs, occupancy rate of 114.4% (a total of 4,19,623 inmates against sanctioned strength of 3,66,781 inmates) was reported as on 31.12.2015.
(e) 'Prisons' is a State subject as per Entry 4 of List II of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. The administration and management of prisons is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments.

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